

Summer Work and Travel 2010

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What is the Summer Work and Travel Program (SWT)?

The Summer Work and Travel program is designed for foreign post-secondary students to enter the United States on a nonimmigrant visa to work and travel for a maximum of four months during their summer vacation. Last year over 3500 students in Peru received Summer Work and Travel visas.

Most participants typically work in non-skilled service positions at resorts, hotels, restaurants, and amusement parks. However, summer internships are allowed in other U.S. businesses and organizations including, but not limited to: architecture, science research, graphic art/publishing and other media communication, advertising, computer software and electronics, and legal offices. The term of the internship may not exceed the four-month program duration and must be completed during the student's summer vacation. U.S. State Department regulations prohibit the placement of program participants as domestic help in U.S. households or in positions requiring them to invest their own money for inventory such as door-to-door sales. Students may only apply to the Summer Work and Travel Program through approved agencies (click here for the list).

Please refer to the regulations [\[22 CFR 62.32\]](#) for details and to the US Department of State [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

When is the Summer Work and Travel (SWT) season for Peru?

The 2010 SWT program dates are December 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. It is important to note that while the 2010 SWT program ends March 31, 2011. All participants should be in Peru when their university starts the next semester. The 2010 SWT interviews begin at the U.S. Embassy in Lima on September 14, 2010, and run through December 15, 2010.

Who is eligible to participate in the SWT program?

Applicants:

- Must be enrolled in a full-time course of post-secondary study and pursuing a degree from an accredited educational institution (click here for the approved institutions);
- Must demonstrate they will continue studies after participating in SWT; and Seniors must show strong plans for graduate school or work in Peru upon their return;
- Must demonstrate English proficiency at a level at which they can successfully perform their job and live in the United States.

Students eligible for this program will apply through their sponsors—agencies that work with universities and institutes in Peru (see below). Program regulations permit participants to repeat the program more than once.

Can students who are refused a SWT visa re-apply during the same SWT season?

Yes, a previous refusal for a tourist or other type of visa does not preclude you from applying for a SWT visa. However, the SWT program is designed for *bona fide* students. Students who cannot demonstrate that they returned to Peru in time last year to begin their classes will be refused a visa. Furthermore, if the student makes purposeful misstatements

as to when he or she returned to Peru or when school started, they could be found permanently ineligible for a U.S. visa.

Those students interested in re-applying for a visa should be able to provide additional or new information that was not available during their previous interview. This information must exhibit a substantial change in their situation or eligibility for a SWT visa.

What does a sponsor do?

Sponsors ensure that participants entering the United States without prearranged employment have sufficient financial resources to support themselves during their search for employment. In addition, sponsors must provide such participants with information on how to seek employment and secure lodging in the United States before they depart their home countries. Finally, sponsors must undertake reasonable efforts to secure suitable employment for participants unable to find jobs on their own after one week.

Issued a SWT visa?

If you were issued a SW&T visa, please visit the information about the [William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act](#).

Please see below to find the 2010 list of SW&T approved Universities, Institutes and Agencies.

UNIVERSITIES / UNIVERSIDADES

1. Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru
2. U. Alas Peruanas (ALL branches)
3. U. Catolica de Santa Maria - Arequipa
4. U. Catolica San Pablo de Arequipa
5. U. Catolica Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo
6. U. Catolica Sedes Sapientae
7. U. Cientifica del Sur
8. U. Continental de Ciencias e Ingenieria
9. U. de Huanuco
10. U. de Lima
11. U. de Piura (Campus Lima)
12. U. de Piura
13. U. de San Martin de Porres - USMP (ALL branches)
14. U. del Pacifico
15. U. Femenina del Sagrado Corazon - UNIFE
16. U. Inca Garcilaso de la Vega
17. U. Nacional Agraria La Molina
18. U. Nacional de Ingenieria - UNI
19. U. Nacional de San Agustin - Arequipa
20. U. Nacional del Callao
21. U. Nacional del Centro del Peru
22. U. Nacional Federico Villareal
23. U. Nacional Mayor de San Marcos
24. U. Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas - UPC
25. U. Peruana Los Andes (Lima)

26. U. Privada Antenor Orrego
27. U. Privada Cesar Vallejo
28. U. Privada del Norte
29. U. San Pedro
30. U. Ricardo Palma
31. U. San Ignacio de Loyola
32. U. Señor de Sipan
33. U. ESAN
34. U. Peruana Union
35. U. Jaime Bausate y Meza
36. U. Peruana de Ciencias e Informática
37. U. Pontificia y Civil de Lima -Facultad de Teología
38. U. Antonio Ruiz de Montoya
39. U. Nacional Tecnológica del Cono Sur de Lima
40. U. Nacional Hermilio Valdizán - Huanuco
41. U. Privada de Trujillo - La Libertad
42. U. Privada Antonio Guillermo Urrelo - Cajamarca
43. U. Nacional de San Martín
44. U. Nacional de Educacion Enrique Guzman y Valle
45. U. Tecnológica del Perú
46. U. TELESUP

INSTITUTES / INSTITUTOS

1. ADEX
2. Alas Peruanas
3. Charles Chaplin
4. CENFOTUR
5. CEPEA
6. CIBERTEC
7. Cordon Bleu
8. del Sur (Arequipa)
9. IDAT
10. IPAE
11. Peruano de Publicidad
12. San Ignacio de Loyola - ISIL
13. Tecnológico del Norte
14. TECSUP-AREQUIPA
15. TECSUP- LIMA
16. Toulouse Lautrec

AGENCIES / AGENCIAS

1. Andean Tours
2. Alliance Group Travel E.I.R.L
3. ATENEA Intercambios Culturales
4. Campus Academico SAC
5. CIE Peru
6. Connect World Proyectos Educativos Culturales y Tecnológicos SRL
7. Dargui Tours

8. Explorer Students Association
9. Gexperu Global Exchange
10. Hispanos Tours S.A.
11. INTEJ
12. Interjobs
13. InterLatina
14. International Experience Perú S.A.C. - IEPERU
15. International Work Experience IWE
16. International Peruvian Exchange Program IPEP
17. Intrax Cultural Exchange Peru
18. Life Adventures
19. Perú Cultural Exchange (PCE)
20. PICE Programas de Intercambio Cultural y Educativo
21. SMART
22. Students Partners SAC
23. STUDENTS TRAVEL PERU Educational Services
24. Travel Genesis Cultural
25. Travia Tour S.A.
26. UNIGLOBE- Internet travel SAC
27. United Exchange Peru S.A.C.
28. United Worldwide Peru
29. Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola
30. USE Universal Student Exchange
31. WAT Perú
32. Work Abroad
33. YEAPERU YOUTH EXCHANGE
34. YMCA Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes del Perú